

Spring 2016 Hikes and Happenings



DCR Boston Region Sites

- Stony Brook Reservation
- Brook Farm Historic Site
- Chestnut Hill Reservation
- Hammond Pond Reservation
- Hancock Woods Reservation
- Hemlock Gorge Reservation
- Neponset River Reservation
- Charles River Reservation
- Mystic River Reservation
- Beaver Brook Reservation
- Quincy Shores Reservation
 - Dorchester Shores Reservation
 - Alewife Brook Reservation
 - Melnea Cass Recreation Complex
 - Roxbury Heritage Park
 - Southwest Corridor Park
 - South Boston Beaches
 - Dorothy Quincy Homestead
 - Castle Island
 - Camp Meigs

Saturday, March 12 Starts at 11:00 am sharp...and it's over in minutes! DCR and Phillips Candy House presents the

24th Annual Kids Spring Egg Scramble

Meet at DCR Pope John Paul II Park at 763 Gallivan Boulevard in Dorchester. Call the DCR at 617-333-7404, ext 104 or visit http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/pope-john-paul-ii-park-reservation.html

Join the DCR and Phillips Candy House in a wonderful spring tradition. Celebrate the 24th annual Kids Spring Egg Scramble at DCR Pope John Paul II Park on Gallivan Boulevard in Dorchester Ma. Children ages 4 to 8 can join in the scramble for toy and candy filled plastic eggs scattered across the field at DCR Pope John Paul II Park. It's a fun way to welcome springtime in the great outdoors. The Kids Spring Egg Scramble starts at 11 am sharp and it doesn't take long for the children to gather all those eggs. It's over in a flash! Don't miss this annual rite of spring!

Please arrive early to allow plenty of time for parking.

Saturday, April 30 DCR Park Serve Day

Park Serve Day is a volunteer service day in Massachusetts state parks. Visit http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/

Quincy RiverWalk Clean-up in Quincy

9:00 am - noon

Meet at the Neponset Landing Pier at 2 Hancock Street, Quincy. Reservations required. Contact Nancy Mahon at <u>mahon@neponset.org</u> or 781-575-0354.

Lend a hand! Join DCR and the Neponset River Watershed Association for Park Serve Day, a statewide volunteer service day. We'll meet at the Neponset Landing Pier, and will spread out from there to help clear trash, and beautify the Quincy RiverWalk, from Adams Inn to Squantum Point. (Park under the Neponset Bridge, between the Adams Inn and Neponset Landing Apartments.) Please wear long pants and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty, along with appropriate closed toe footwear. Don't forget hats, work gloves, sunscreen, and water. Reservations required.

Saturday, May 7 Parade begins at 11:00 am Event from noon – 6:00 pm Wake up the Earth Festival at Southwest Corridor Park

Walk in the Parade! Starts at 11 am at the JP Monument on South Street and the corner of Washington & School Streets in Egleston Square. Festival activities along Southwest Corridor Park in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury from noon- 6 pm. Wake Up The Earth Festival celebrates our rich cultural diversity, community arts, a commitment to social change and the parks and gardens that are the result of tireless community organizing. The Wake Up the Earth Festival, began in 1979, as a celebration of the successful defeat of the I-95 extension through many Boston neighborhoods. The Festival has taken place every year since and is an integral part of local community life. For rain date and additional info, visit

Sunday, May 15 9 am Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle

http://www.spontaneouscelebrations.org/

Meet at DCR Blessing of the Bay Boathouse at 32 Shore Drive in Somerville.

On Sunday, May 15, 2016 join the Mystic River Watershed Association for the annual fundraiser in celebration of the return of the herring to the Mystic River! The 20th annual Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle includes a 5K run/walk race, three paddling races (3, 9, and 12 miles), bike tour, children's activities, and more. The 5K course continues along the Mystic River bike path and through DCR Torbert MacDonald Park. For more information call Beth at the Mystic River Watershed Association at 781-316-3438 or visit www.MysticRiver.org

Memorial Day Weekend, May 28, 29 and 30, 2016 Fort Independence Tours at Castle Island, South Boston

12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Castle Island and Fort Independence are located at the end of Day Boulevard in South Boston.

For more info, visit http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/castle-island-pleasure-bay-m-street-and-carson-beach.html Castle Island is the oldest continuously fortified site in British North America! The first fort on Castle Island was built in 1634 for the coastal defense of Boston. Fort Independence, a pentagonal five-bastioned fort built between 1834 and 1851, is Castle Island's 8th fort and was built with granite from the quarries in Rockport, MA. Free one hour tours of Fort Independence are sponsored by the Castle Island Association in partnership with the DCR.

Things to know before you go

- All programs are FREE
- Wear sturdy footgear
- Carry drinking water on all hikes
- Dress in layers for maximum comfort
- Programs may be cancelled if the weather creates unsafe conditions



- If weather conditions are questionable, please call the reservation headquarters on the day of the program at 617-333-7404, extension 104.
- Reasonable accommodations available. For questions regarding accessibility, please email Maggi.Brown@state.ma.us

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